

Ironmen win provincial title

Over the weekend the Ironmen won the first of the three trophies available in Maritime rugby by winning the Universities Tournament which was held in Halifax this year. The Universities Tournament was started last year with the intention of supplementing the leagues which now exist as well as encouraging rugby at the university level. Two new teams have already shown interest: SMU lost a play-off to Dal, for the right to play in the tournament and Acadia played an exhibition game on Sunday after the championship game with the hopes of being included in next year's tournament. This year the four teams competing were UNB, STU, Dal and St. F.X. UNB and Dal were the winners on Saturday and thus met on Sunday when the Ironmen proved their mettle and brought home all the biscuits.

Saturday's game against St. F.X. was all UNB. St. F. X. only left their own end once and were able to capitalize on a by now too offensively minded UNB team to score. The fields were in bad condition after a few inches of snow late in the week in Halifax, in fact there was still a bit of snow at one end of the field, and the sloppy conditions repeatedly frustrated the Ironmen's attempts to score. But does a bear sleep in the forest? Bill Sullivan, continuing his scoring ways, slogged his way through a loose maul to open the score for the Ironmen. Bryce Eldridge added another few moments later, cutting through the defense and diving over the fullback. Rick Adams decided to get into the act and kept a ball in the line-out, drove through it and over the line. Not to be outdone, Bill Sullivan added another try to his impressive record on a short penalty. Barry Ward rounded out the score with a penalty kick late in the game. Final score 19-4. A special thanks in that game to "Killer" Kelly, Rick Kent and

Bruce McLeod who were called up to play without much advance notice and played very well.

After a peaceful night trying to find the Derby, the Ironmen met the Dal team at 11:30 Sunday morning. Wishing to play before stands the game was played on the Dal football field which was just about as bad as a field could be after snow, a football game and a rugby game. Both teams were very confident and the game got off to a fine start. Dal had the advantage early in the game until UNB moved a forward out to support the backs. The Dal team couldn't run through the three quarter line, and their kicks always ended up in the arms of the very mobile Ironmen's arms. The Ironmen soon developed dominance of the set play, but the Dal team quickly adopted a defensive game and the first half ended in a 0-0 draw. An interesting aspect of the game was that for the first time in an important game substitutions were allowed in the first half for injuries. Both teams were to make use of this rule, as Dal lost a back early in the game, and UNB's stalwart Les Morrow was injured late in the half to be replaced by Dave Donaldson at wing-forward.

In the second half UNB started to find weaknesses in the Dal defense. Peter Silk, in spite of the pounding he took at scrum-half fed the slippery ball cleanly to the backs who broke well against the Dal backs and with the extra UNB forward came close to springing Hugh Dickison several times. Bryce Eldridge, an offensive star in the game, kept the Dal defense honest with well placed kicks back towards the scrum thus maintaining important field position. The scrum finally got a break when Terry Flynn snagged a ball from a line-out and ran fifty yards with good support, only to be stopped on the five

yard line. But persistence and endurance is the name of the game. With about ten minutes left in the game a kick back to the scrum resulted in the only score of the game. Dave Baird, blind-side wing at the time, caught the Dal fullback just as the ball arrived, and the pack wrestled the ball out of his hands and crushed over for a try. Mike Burdon deservedly coming up with the try. Beaming coach Cockburn said he was extremely impressed with the uniformly good play of everyone on the field and refused to single out any players for special praise but did say that he was especially pleased by the fine link play by Peter Silk and Jean-Louis Briaud and the hooking of Mike Burdon. Players on the championship team were: Peter Asser, Mike Burdon, Rick Adams, Bill Sullivan, Terry Flynn, Les Morrow, Dave Donaldson, Ken Whiting and Jim Neville in the scrum and Peter Silk, Jean-Louis Briaud, Brian Lucock, Bryce Eldridge, Hugh Dickison, David Baird and Barry Ward in the Backs.

With one championship under their belt, the Ironmen are looking for two more. If the Ironmen beat the Loyalists on the 4th of November, they win the McNair Cup emblematic of New Brunswick supremacy and they have a chance to meet the winner of the Nova Scotia league to play for the Caledonia Cup for the Maritime championship. In the meantime the boys are keeping fit. The seconds meet the high school this weekend, and will be playing the army again soon. The firsts will meet the Royal Marine Commandoes, who are presently on maneuvers, on Nov. 5th. The Ironmen's recent record is quite impressive as only two tries have been scored against them in the last six games. Their point spread is looking good too, in nine games 128 for 33 against. Apologies to Ian McArthur (not McCarthy) who scored two tries for then seconds last weekend.

Red Devils rebuilding

The Red Devils should be a much improved team overall from the 1971-72 edition. In addition to a fairly solid nucleus returning from last year, there are a number of excellent new prospects working out with the team.

Returning from last year are goaltender Gord Hubley who performed very ably in 5 games in the 1971-72 season. On defense the returnees are Don MacAdam, John MacRae, and Alan Campbell. All are seniors and have continually improved during their four years on the team. They will play a very key role in the fortunes of the Devils this season.

The returning forwards are Frank Hubley, Brian Tapp, Mike McEvoy, Greg Holst, Larry Wood

Alan Archibald, and high scoring Bob Keefe. Keefe finished in third place in the AIAA scoring last season and should have a banner year, this year.

The Red Devils have picked up three Fredericton Junior players who have excellent credentials. They are Gerry Grant, Doug MacDonald, and Charlie Miles. In addition other newcomers include Mike Holer, a big rugged two-way player from St. Andrews, Gord Tufts, a very fine graduate of the Fredericton High school program, Steve Benoit, a transfer from Loyola College of Montreal, and Jerry Bell, a transfer from UPEI who adds a lot of muscle and scoring potential to the team. It appears that the Back-up to

Hubley in goal will be Rose Everett of last year's Junior Varsity squad.

In addition to the players mentioned above, several other freshmen have looked very good in early practices. Dan Scott who played last year with Fredericton High school, Steve Comeau from St. Malachy's of Saint John, and Terry Gauthier from Rustico, PEI. Gauthier and David Young, of Bathurst, are vying for a berth on the defensive corps of the Red Devils along with Tom Wright, a Fredericton native.

Coach MacGillivray expects to make final cuts after the team's intra-squad game at the Nashwaakisis arena on Friday, October 28. Game time will be 5:30 pm.

the Midnight Skulker



The soccer Red Shirts came through again this weekend, they dropped the Blue Eagles from the University of Moncton by a three to zip count. A win over the Swamp Rats this weekend would assure the Shirts of a play-off spot. The game will be held in Swamp Rat territory, so it should be a toughy.

Did you catch some of the football scores this past week? The Bombers had the week off, but some other teams were not so fortunate. Mt. A really got thrashed by UPEI. And that is the team that the Bombers face this weekend in potato-picking country. The Red Bombers are going to have to come up with a fine game to win this one.

I have been over to the Island before, and let me tell you, it's not just the opposite players you have to watch. The refs are sometimes not the best.

And how about that score between SMU and St. F.X. the Huskies only won that by two points. It seems to me that the league is in the best shape it has been for many a year. I base my assumptions on the idea that the other teams have gained in strength, rather than SMU losing any. Time will tell.

I came across a note in the Bruns office that did not get into last week's paper. It seems that there is a race for the best miler on campus. It is run every year at halftime of a football game. The award is called the Peake Memorial Plaque. The note said that if anyone wants to run in the race, they should contact Mal Early at the Athletic Dept. The mile will be run at halftime of the SMU-Red Bomber game, here on the 11th of November.

Another tid bit of info, the varsity volleyball team will begin their practices on the first of November. Time, 5:30 p.m. in the West Gym.

Late news flash (would you believe I forgot to mention it earlier) the Ironmen, those brutes of the rugger field, came up with an impressive win this past week. They outplayed Dalhousie in 4-0 win to get the Maritime Universities Rugby Championship. Not bad at all chaps. This weekend some of the lads are in Toronto for the eastern Canadian finals. The winner goes on to Vancouver or Victoria for the Canadian finals. Have one for me when you are in the big city.

And if you are waiting, with held breath for the results of the Bruns Red Herring-Team CHSR softball game, don't. The contest was declared null and void before the opening pitch was thrown. Team Stupid forgot to get the agreed upon umpire. So, with one of Team Stupid's own players behind the plate, a make-shift game was organized. The Red Herrings, not wanting to waste their energy on a no-count game took the field with a makeshift line-up and played AT softball so that Team Ugly would not go home disappointed. As it was, the Herrings allowed the 'sillies from CHSR' to have a hitting practice, and let them score 20 runs over a five inning span. The Herrings on the other hand decided to show people they could score the odd run themselves, as they tallied 10 runs in two innings. You could see that the Herrings did not really feel like playing the game, as their fielders were mainly there for the sun rather than for the exercise.

Rumour has it that both teams are getting team jerseys for their upcoming floor hockey game on the afternoon of Nov. 3. Should provide some flair to the game.

Well, that's all for another week's effort. I overheard someone say that the Skulker should do an ethnic joke in the column this week. But I said to myself no, I wouldn't touch those jokes with a ten-foot pole.

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